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## Minutes 02/05/2009

### Arlington Recycling Committee - Minutes for Meeting of 2/5/09

**Present:** Gordon Jamieson (Co-chair), Juli Brazile (Co-chair), Ruth Yanetti (DPW), Paul Addorisio (DPW), Kathy Carusone, Lisa Fenichel, Katrina Wheelock, Pete Howard (Secretary)

#### Solid Waste Tonnage Status

- Gordon announced that the running 12 month total of solid waste sent to the incinerator in North Andover is still below 16,000 tons/year [update 15,681 tons for 12 months ending Jan '09]

#### Website updates/upgrades

- The committee owes Joan Roman thanks for a job well done. Recently she posted our minutes from Sep 08 through Jan 09. See the link on town homepage or go to [www.arlingtonrecycles.org](http://www.arlingtonrecycles.org)

#### Recycling LPs

- Paul reported that according to the DEP nobody recycles LP records. They suggest "reuse" such as sale to collectors or use as decoration.

#### Does it all fit in one can?

- Paul reported that for his family a week's trash sometimes fits in a standard large trash bag.

#### WM contract

- Ruth reported that the Town Manager has sent a version the WM for approval. It will specify single stream recycling at the same price as last year. Includes collection at 4 DPW yard dumpsters

#### Formal ARC Membership List

- A name & address list was agreed upon: Gordon, Juli Brazile, Pete, Nigel, Elizabeth, Katrina, Anneli, Julie McDaniels. Paul (exofficio). Gordon will submit to Moderator for approval. Ruth will submit to Manager for inclusion in the annual report.

#### Collection Network Paper - C-board - Books - Clothes

- Paul has developed a GIS map showing all the dropoff sites in town. He will add the Goodwill truck at Stop&Shop w/ hours of operation; the St Agnes dumpster; and additional bins as identified.

- Paul reported that the Stratton principal has the Abitibi contact info. He will track progress.

- Paul/Gordon reported that the Library is interested in a 'got books' bin (to be located in VRZN parking lot) - Paul is working this one - They noted that the Fox Library takes used books.

- There is now a paper bin behind Leslie Ellis School (ACA) - ARC to publicize location to drive use

- Next month we will need a volunteer to draft a advocate promotional piece on the bin network.

#### Bottle/Can Collection

- Paul provided a list of collection dates CRTs/TVs at which SAVE might collect bottle & cans w/ help from PTOs. Action postponed to next mtg due to Nigel's absence.

Bottle bill - expand to include non-carbonated drinks

- The committee agreed to send a letter in support to our legislators. Katrina will draft.

Peirce school has regular returnable bottle/can collections - ARC to consider publicizing etc

**Funding for new tent for SAVE Club**

- Committee voted unanimously to reallocate up to \$250 of funds to replace the SAVE Club's tent (Stolen during setup for this past fall's very rainy Community Collection Day).

**Community Eco-Fest 3/28 Town Hall**

- Ruth handed out a draft flyer and has since emailed a final.

- Paul will sell compost bins for \$40, a \$10 discount which the committee voted unanimously to subsidize up to \$500.

Post meeting comment: Cmte to discuss funding 50% off sale

**Community Collection Day**

- Juli to contact Stratton PTO about repeating their Got Books transport from the yard to their bin.

**Remaining topics not discussed.**

- Report to Town Meeting

- School cardboard/books

- Sustainability action plan - Development of solid waste component

- Composting/disposal use - Possible promotion of same and compost bin promotions

- No waste lunch - Promotional work and deployment

Next Meeting Date 3/5 Town Hall Annex 1st Flr